

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A method ~~for providing a financial outlook for a medical facility, the method~~ comprising:

providing an electronic form having fields for selecting a desired medical imaging system from a plurality of medical imaging systems and for entering financial data of the medical facility including system operational data of the desired medical imaging system, ~~associated with at least one of the plurality of modalities~~ the financial data comprising projected changes in at least a portion of the financial data over a future analysis period;

electronically receiving the financial data from the electronic form via a network;

routing the financial data into a financial analysis system;

generating a pro forma financial report for the future analysis period tailored to the financial data; ~~and~~

electronically transmitting the pro forma financial report to a client via the network
[[.]]; and

analyzing a desired purchasing option selected from a plurality of different purchasing options to obtain the desired medical imaging system based on the financial data of the client to provide a client-specific financial analysis of the desired purchasing option.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising identifying the client and tailoring the electronic form to the client.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing the client to select a desired healthcare category.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a fixed cost of operating the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a variable cost of operating the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a projected growth of a cost of operating the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a wage statistic for operators ~~employees~~ of the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of an indirect labor statistic for employees of the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a medical supply cost for the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a medical equipment cost for the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a tax statistic for the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of an overhead cost for the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a medical procedure volume per time period for the desired medical imaging system.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing an electronic form having fields comprises allowing data entry of a service charge per medical procedure provided by the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising allowing data entry of a financing amount, interest rate and financing period for ~~a financed medical resource for~~ the desired medical ~~facility~~ imaging system.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising providing a set of financial rules for analyzing the financial data with the financial analysis system.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein electronically receiving comprises electronically receiving the financial data via the Internet.

19. (currently amended) A system ~~for generating projected financial statistics for a medical facility, the system~~ comprising:

a client computer system for the medical facility;
a financial analysis system remote from the medical facility;
a network for coupling the client computer system to the financial analysis system;
and
an interface accessible on the client computer system via the network, wherein the interface includes fields for selecting a desired medical imaging system from a plurality of medical imaging systems and for entering client data, wherein the interface is configured to exchange the client data with the financial analysis system, the client data comprising financial data ~~relating to~~ of the medical facility including system operational data of the desired medical imaging system, and wherein the financial analysis system is configured to evaluate the client data and to generate a projected financial report for the desired medical facility imaging system tailored to the client data, wherein the projected financial report enables a client to evaluate feasibility of purchasing the desired medical imaging system.

20. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a financial rule module.

21. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a tax module having rules for evaluating tax effects on the financial data.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a healthcare module having rules for financially evaluating ~~operations of~~ [[a]] healthcare provider, such as the operational data relating to the desired medical facility imaging system.

23. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

24. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a form configured for entering and transmitting the client data to the financial analysis system.

25. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a desired healthcare category.

26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a medical supply cost for the desired medical facility imaging system.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a medical equipment cost for the desired medical facility imaging system.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a medical procedure volume per time period for the desired medical imaging system.

30. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a service charge per medical procedure provided by the desired medical facility imaging system.

31. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a ~~selection of a medical system associated with~~ a revenue statistic and a projected growth relating to the desired medical imaging system.

32. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for an equipment cost for the desired medical facility imaging system.

33. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface comprises a data entry field for a financing amount, interest rate and financing period for ~~a financed medical resource for the~~ desired medical facility imaging system.

34. (currently amended) A method ~~for analyzing finances of a healthcare facility,~~
~~the method~~ comprising:

providing an interface having a form for selecting a desired medical imaging system from a plurality of medical imaging systems and for entering client data relating to the healthcare facility including system operational data of the desired medical imaging system, wherein the client data comprises a healthcare category and financial data including projected changes in at least a portion of the financial data;

electronically accepting the financial data from the interface at a financial analysis system via a network;

financially analyzing and projecting at least a portion of the financial data over a future outlook period via the financial analysis system; and

returning a pro forma financial report to a client via the network to enable the client to evaluate feasibility of a possible transaction to obtain the desired medical imaging system for incorporation into operations of the client at the healthcare facility.

35. (original) The method of claim 34, comprising identifying the client and tailoring the form to the client.

36. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, comprising tailoring the form to the healthcare category, wherein the healthcare category is associated with at least one of ~~[[a]] the plurality of modalities~~ medical imaging systems.

37. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a server for exchanging information between the financial analysis system and a client computer system for the healthcare facility.

38. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a field for entering a medical supply cost for the healthcare facility.

39. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a field for entering a medical equipment cost for the healthcare facility.

40. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface comprises providing a field for entering a medical procedure revenue statistic for the desired medical imaging system.

41. (original) The method of claim 40, comprising providing a field for entering a projected growth for the medical procedure revenue statistic.

42. (original) The method of claim 34, wherein electronically accepting comprises electronically accepting the financial data via the Internet.

43. (currently amended) An Internet financial analysis system ~~for financially evaluating a healthcare facility~~, the system comprising:

a client computer system for the healthcare facility;

a financial analysis system remote from the healthcare facility;

a network for exchanging data between the client computer system and the financial analysis system;

an Internet query form having a plurality of data entry fields configured for accepting financial data of a desired medical diagnostic system for the healthcare facility, the Internet form being accessible on the client computer

~~system and having a healthcare procedure field for entering a revenue statistic of a healthcare procedure, wherein the plurality of data entry fields include a medical operational time field associated with efficiency of the desired medical diagnostic system for a potential purchase transaction, a cost field associated with the desired medical diagnostic system, a revenue field associated with the desired medical diagnostic system, and one or more purchase transaction option fields for the potential purchase; and~~
an Internet results page for displaying a projected financial statistic from the financial analysis system, wherein the projected financial statistic indicates a financial outlook of the potential purchase transaction to assist an individual with the potential purchase transaction.

44. (currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a healthcare module having rules for financially evaluating operations of ~~[[a]] healthcare provider~~ the desired medical diagnostic system.

45. (original) The system of claim 43, comprising an interface for viewing the Internet query form and the Internet results page, and for communicating between the client computer system and the financial analysis system.

46. (original) The system of claim 45, comprising an identification system configured for identifying a client and tailoring the interface to the client.

47. (currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise a field for selecting ~~[[a]]~~ the desired medical diagnostic system for at least one of a plurality of from a list of modalities medical diagnostic systems.

48. (currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise a field for a projected growth of a cost of operating the ~~healthcare facility~~ desired medical diagnostic system.

49. (currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise a field for a projected growth of a healthcare procedure with the desired medical diagnostic system.

50. (currently amended) The system of claim 43, wherein the plurality of data entry fields comprise fields for a financing amount, interest rate and financing period for ~~[[a]] financed medical resource for the healthcare facility~~ the desired medical diagnostic system.

51. (cancelled)

52. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[5]]~~1, comprising automatically creating a Web page, including the pro forma financial report, tailored to the client-specific financial analysis to enable the client to evaluate feasibility of the desired purchasing option for the desired medical facility imaging system.

53. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[5]]~~1, wherein the desired medical imaging system is selected from medical resource options on the electronic form, wherein the medical resource options include a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system, a computed tomography (CT) system, an ultrasound system, or any combination thereof.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein providing the interface having the form comprises providing purchasing option fields and medical-specific fields, including medical diagnostic system options, client-specific operational data, and the financial data.

55. (cancelled)

56. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the fields include a medical operational time field, a medical services per time field, a monetary cost per medical service field, and a revenue per medical service field, wherein the pro forma financial report provides one or more indications of feasibility of purchasing ~~a diagnostic~~ the desired medical imaging system.

57. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the interface includes a medical operational time field associated with efficiency of ~~a prospective~~ the desired medical imaging system for a potential purchase transaction, a cost field associated with the desired medical imaging system, a revenue field associated with the desired medical imaging system, and one or more purchase transaction option fields for the potential purchase transaction, wherein the projected financial report is configured to indicate a financial outlook of the potential purchase transaction to assist an individual with the potential purchase transaction.

58. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the form comprises a medical operational time field, a medical services per time field, a monetary cost per medical service field, and a revenue per medical service field, wherein the pro forma financial report provides one or more indications of feasibility of purchasing ~~[[a]]~~ the desired medical ~~diagnostic~~ imaging system.

59. (cancelled)